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In the Office Action under reply, claims 1-11 and 13-16 were allowed; but claim 12 was rejected under 35 USC 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter.

By this amendment, the form of claim 12 has been revised to comply with the PTO Guidelines for Computer-Related Inventions. As submitted, it is believed claim 12 defines statutory subject matter and is in condition for allowance.

This is in response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, as set out in the Office Action under reply. To the extent the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance states, implies or is construed to mean that the claims are allowable over the prior art of record because the Examiner believes the claims should be interpreted to include one or more features or limitations not recited therein, Applicants' attorney disagrees with such an interpretation. Moreover, it is Applicants' contention that there is no particular limitation in the allowed claims that is more critical than any other. The issuance of the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance should not be construed as a surrender by Applicants of any subject matter. It is the intent of Applicants, by their attorney, to construe the allowed claims so as to cover the invention disclosed in the instant application and all equivalents to which the claimed invention is entitled.

Claims 1-16 remain in this application and are in condition for allowance. An early notice to this effect is respectfully solicited.

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